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Thy Coming in
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The Rough
The Smooth
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God Bless Thy Year.

—The Conference Staff

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IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 22-31 - National Meetings, Buck Hill Falls, Pa.
Jan. 26-27 - U. S. F. Planning Committee in Topeka
Jan. 29-Feb. 3 - Youth Week
Feb. 12-14 - Ministers' Convocation
Feb. 12 - Meeting of Committee on Campus Ministry in Topeka.
Feb. 17-24 - Brotherhood Week
Feb. 18 - Christian Education Committee in Topeka
March 6 - Ash Wednesday
March 8 - World Day of Prayer
March 31 - One Great Hour of Sharing
April 21 - Easter Sunday
April 26-28 - State Conference at Wichita Fairmount
May 26-June 1 - Camp Wa-Shun-Ga Senior
June 2-8 - Camp Wa-Shun-Ga Middler
June 9-15 - Camp Wa-Shun-Ga Junior Hi
June 16-30 - Pilgrim Fellowship Work Camp
July 14-20 - Kansas Family Camp, Estes Park
Aug. 25-30 - Christian Education Workshop, Manhattan
Aug. 31-Sept. 2 - P.F. Planning and Training Conference

Our Cover Picture

The Council Grove Church has just completed a three-year improvement program. First, the building was redecorated throughout, including replacement of the windows in the sanctuary. New pews were installed and late in December, new aisle and pulpit carpets were laid.

The kitchen ceiling, where the plaster had weakened, was replaced and the belfry roof, which had been leaking for sometime, was rebuilt.

Memorials from three families were presented; a cross and two candle-holders, offering plates and a communion set.

From January 1, 1954 to January 1, 1957, the net membership of the church increased from 126 to 178.

Leila Anderson On TV

At 9:00 A.M., on January 16, "The Pilgrim Circuit Rider" will appear on NBC's — "HOME" program by Arlene Frances. Why not take a half hour "coffee break" to watch this interesting presentation?

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WICHITA MAYFLOWER SPECIAL

December 2nd was a great day at Mayflower Church in Wichita. At 4 o'clock, the Southern Association met for an installation service for the Rev. Elmo Paff and gave recognition to the Mayflower Church, receiving it into the membership of the Association.

The service was climaxed by a wonderful surprise. Mrs. R. H. Garvey presented the Mayflower Buildinng to the conference as a gift from all members of the family who make up the Garvey Foundation. The members of the family participating in the gift are, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Garvey, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Garvey, Mr. and Mrs. James Garvey, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Lincoln, and Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Fink.

The Church Building had been planned and erected by Builders, Inc., Willard Garvey, president, a year ago by a new process, using prestressed concrete slabs. The structure is 40 x 80 feet with two floor levels. Willard Garvey had previously leased the building to the Conference with an option to buy.

The gift has been a great stimulus to the church. A serving counter has been built by the members of the congregation to separate the kitchen from the fellowship hall. Materials for this improvement were made possible by a cash gift from Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship. Insulation has been put on the walls of the sanctuary; the building is being painted, the initial work being done by a Southern Association P.F. Work Camp under the supervision of Charles Burns. The Rymph's contributed shrubs and Orville Hepler is contributing his workmanship in building matching lectern, pulpit and altar. Class rooms will be partitioned during the year. Many of our churches have made special contributions to Mayflower, making possible the purchase of needed equipment. Elmo Paff writes in his Christmas greeting, "I feel that we in Mayflower have been blessed indeed by the many expressions of love and good will which have been ours during the year."

In order to have adequate space for parking and future building needs, the church will need to buy lots south of the present structure. Contributions for this purpose will be gladly received at the Conference Office.

In Memoriam

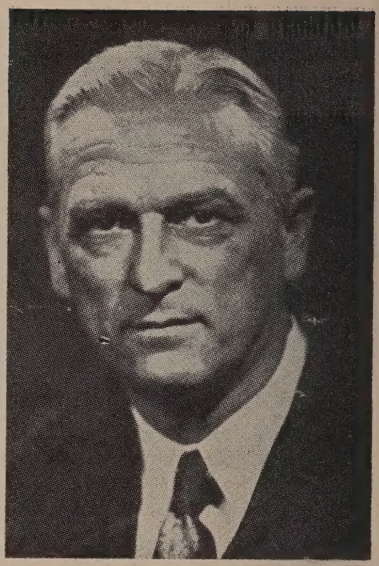
Early morning on New Year's day, 1957, Dr. John Henry Hornung passed away in his sleep. He was born on June 10, 1879 in New Bavaria, Ohio. In April, 1955 he observed the anniversary of 50 years as an ordained minister, having served only four churches - Toledo Grace Reformed, Cleveland Collinwood Congregational, Wichita Plymouth Congregational, and First Congregational at Hutchinson.

During his 25 years at Wichita Plymouth he received more than 1900 members, preached more than 1200 sermons in addition to 800 other addresses, conducted 650 funerals and a like number of weddings. He lead the church in clearing an $86,000.00 debt in years when money didn't come easily.

He was made Pastor Emeritus of Wichita Plymouth, when his resignation was accepted that he might retire November 1st, 1949. But instead he accepted a call to First Congregational Church at Hutchinson where he completed a fruitful 7 year pastorate only two months before his death.

On October 28, after preaching his farewell sermon at Hutchinson, Dr. Hornung suffered a heart attack. He was moved to a Wichita hospital where he remained until December first; since that time he had rested at their new home at 3614 Oneida in Wichita.

Dr. Hornung leaves his wife Martha, who has been his devoted helpmate for almost 50 years, a daughter Mrs. R. E. Blase, a son Robert J. and seven grandchildren, all of Wichita. Memorial services at Wichita Plymouth on January 2 were conducted by the Rev. George Ogden Kirk, minister of the church assisted by Dr. L. M. Rymph, Sup't. of the Kansas Congregational and Christian Conference.



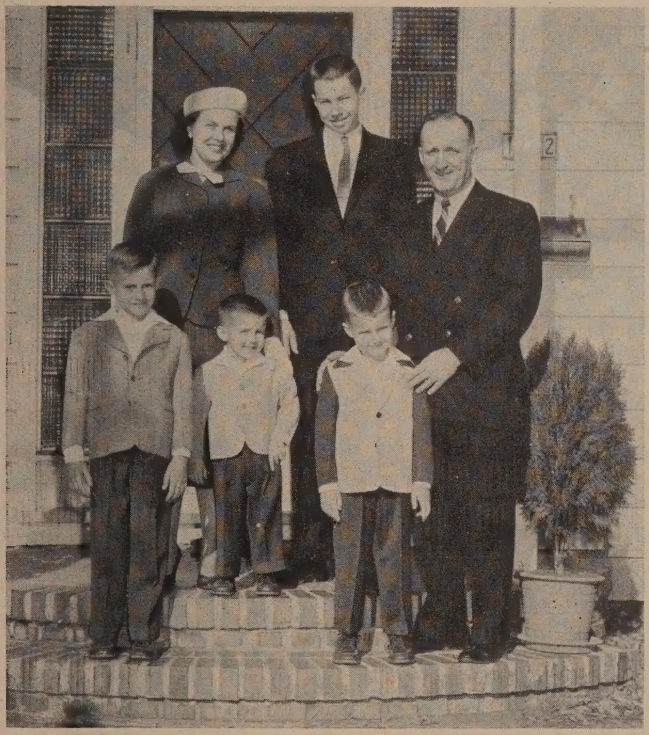
George Ogden Kirk
Convocation Guest

WASHBURN CONVOCATION
February 12, 13 & 14

The Rev. George Ogden Kirk, minister at Wichita Plymouth will be the featured chapel speaker, speaking on "Revolution in the World of Ideas" and "Spiritual Adventure." At the Tuesday evening meeting he will bring a message on "Craftsmen of the Cross."

The Rev. David M. Stowe, Educational Secretary of the American Board will bring messages on, "The Historic Call to Mission," "The Contemporary Shape of Mission", "The Coming Strategy of Mission." Following a dinner at Seaman Church on Wednesday evening, Dr. Stowe will speak on "Missions Are a Mirror."

This year marks the 30th annual Washburn Ministers' Convocation. These sessions feature fellowship; we especially urge new men in the state to attend. Programs and reservation cards will go out soon.



The Turner Family

KEEPING CHRISTMAS

Believing in the ancient Miracle of Christmas with its softening, sweetening influence, we want to share some of its "good news" with you, our readers.

Greetings From The Turner's

Most of you know our affable Conference Moderator, the Rev. Dale Turner of Lawrence, but many of you have not met his wife, Leone, and their four boys, Greg, who looks down on his father with his 5 feet, 10½ inches, Chuck at 7½ years; Bob 5½ and Drew 3½. The Lawrence Church has had a very busy year of rebuilding after the fire. The walls of the parish house were used to form a new educational wing and beautiful mahogany-paneled chapel; the church balcony was extended to make possible added seating for 250. Early in 1957 ground will be broken for a wing north of the church to contain a large fellowship hall, kitchen, parlor, studies, offices and youth rooms.

The Erickson's

Elmer and Edith in their Christmas letter report 8 grandchildren, five boys and three girls. Their son John with Betty and their three children spent Christmas in Topeka. We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Erickson was sick in bed on Christmas Day.

The Joneses At Home

The Christmas season at the Ray Jones house was made merrier by the presence of Ray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Jones of Holyoke, Mass. Buddy—11, Tommy—9, and Ann—5 had parts in programs at school and church. Highlighting the church programs was the annual Candle Light service at 4:30 the afternoon of December 16. Four youth choirs of more than 150 voices under the direction of Mrs. Fred Moins, joined with the Chancel Choir, directed by Mr. Ed. Love to present the Christmas story in song. An offering for Hungarian Relief totaled more than $800.00.

To Berea

Reinnette Howell of K. C. Rosedale, a counselor at Wa-Shun-Ga the past two years, left December 28 for Berea, Kentucky, the home of Berea College. This marvelous institution for the education of the under-privileged white population of the southern mountains, was established by a Congregationalist in 1853. It has now grown to more than 100 buildings valued at more than $5,000,000. The college is the town and operates practically all the industries including printing, weaving, bakery, candy shop, laundry, furniture shop, cafe and a hospital where Miss Howell will serve as a technician.

"Let's Keep It Burning!"

'Tis better far than curse the dark
To light a candles tiny spark
Not just to light it when you're young
But **Keep** it burning all night long.

Though hours be long and dark be deep
Each must his wakeful vigil keep.
For dawn will come-the Star will rise
The sun will light the eastern skies.

'Tis better far than curse the dark
To light a candle's tiny spark
And keep the candle glowing bright
Through weary watches of the night.

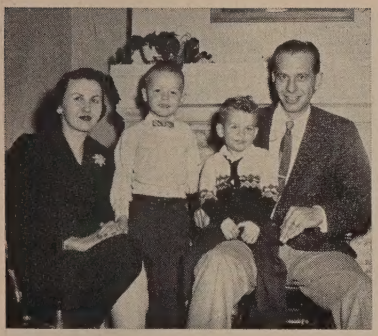
To **Keep** it burning-that's the test
Of courage, hope and faithfulness
That this old world that's lost its way
May find the road—at break of day.

Christmas message of
Guy T. Gebhardt.—Wichita

Christmas At The Orville Hepler's

In the weeks before Christmas five pairs of hands were busy making loving remembrances for friends and relatives. Orville in his workshop made lamps, bedside tables, knife holders and chancel furniture; Helen in her kitchen and sewing room turned out breads, cookies, rolls, dainty towels, aprons, cuddle toys and dresses. The Hepler's spent Christmas with Helen's sister and family in Dallas.

Lucinda - Priscilla - Margaret Jo
The Hepler Trio



The Bob Rymph's

Christmas At Ruby

The Christmas season for Gerry, Steven, David and Bob Rymph centered around church activities. On Christmas Sunday, 35 P.F.'ers and sponsors sang carols at 13 homes ending at the parsonage for a chili supper. At 11 P.M., on Christmas eve more than 150 people gathered at the church for a Candle Light service of song and story climaxed by the service of Holy Communion and a Candle Lighting Ceremony.

The Baar's Of Mound City

With their five children, ages 2, 4, 5, 9 and 11, the Rev. and Mrs. Chas. Baar report a busy year. Mr. Baar attended the National School for Town and Country Church leaders in Indianapolis this summer and the Convocation on the Town and Country Church in St. Louis in October.

A Family Worship Service

Greetings from the Kenneth Martin's of K.C. Welborn included an invitation to join them in a Christmas Eve Family service—a short but delightful arrangement of candle lighting, carols, scripture and prayer, which they had prepared. Mrs. Martin is author of the Christmas program printed in "Tomorrow" for November.

Christmas in Song

The Christmas Musical by the 30 member Chancel Choir of Topeka Seaman Church was enjoyed by 250 on Christmas Sunday evening in the candlelighted sanctuary. This beautiful and inspirational program brought to a climax the church's Christmas. At a social hour which followed in Fellowship Hall they sang, " 'Twas the Night Before Christmas" and Santa Claus appeared to make all the kiddies very happy. On December 16, the choir presented the same program at Topeka Seabrook Church.

Welcome at Christmas

This inviting door graced the Christmas card of Miss Eva Wolford, of 1823 North Polk. When duty isn't calling her at the Seaman Church office or the Conference Office, she finds peace and comfort and enjoyment with friends and relatives in her cozy home in North Topeka.

Christmas Cheer

Great Bend women packed boxes of cookies for men in the armed services.

Christmas at Rosedale

On December 16, Vespers by the combined Chancel, Youth and Rhythmic Choir opened the season. On December 21 the annual Sunday School program with presentation of White Gifts; on December 30 a Children's Operetta, "Windows of Christmas". Early in December the Kansas City Star carried a full page story of the early life of the Rev. O. E. Bonny of Rosedale.

A Christmas Morn Service

In addition to a Christmas eve service, the Rev. Robert Baker of Leavenworth conducted a service of Holy Communion at 6:30 on Christmas Morning.

From Philippine Islands

Ivan Yount, formerly of Maple Hill, now in the service, wrote that they were arranging a party for an orphanage, and each child would receive a set of clothes and a gift—and so good will spreads.

From Greeley

Pauline Bloomer, D.R.E., at our Congregational Church in Greeley writes: "The church is located on a high elevation at the west edge of the city where we have an unrestricted view of the mountains. The panoramic scene is ever-changing as the sun glistens on the snow-clad peaks in the morning and the gold and crimson crown it at sunset."

From Brewster's At Yankton

The Rev. and Mrs. Charles Brewster, formerly of Manhattan, had a very busy year in Yankton. Entertained S. D. State Conference and attended General Council. Charles was Director of Sr. P.F. Camp. Frances is working in the Retarded Children's Program. Debbie spent the summer on the staff of the East Harlem project in N.Y. city and is enrolled in Union Theological Seminary this year. John is a sophomore at Yale, majoring in engineering.

The Schlarb's

Mrs. John Schlarb is giving part time as D.R.E. at Topeka Seabrook. Mr. Schlarb is with the Kansas Employment Service. Dick, now 7½ is the only white child in his second grade room at school. The Schlarb's report a fine staff of negro teachers with interesting and rewarding contacts thru P.T.A. and other school activities.

From Turkrey

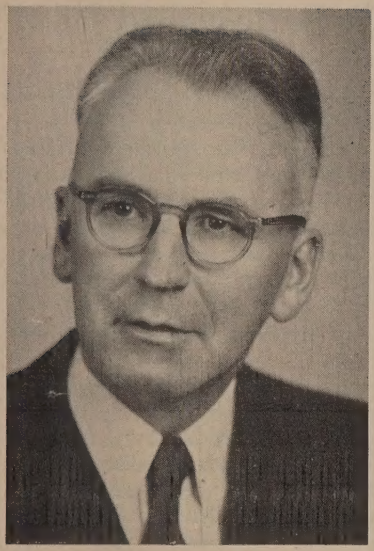
The Merrill Isely's write of their six grandchildren—all boys. Work at the American Board Hospital at Gaziantep continues with an average of 47 inpatients per day. Due to retirements and furloughs they need a third nurse, a surgeon and wife, and a hospital manager and wife by 1958.

At Gaylord

A Christmas card from Rev. and Mrs. Roy Curless of Gaylord was graced by a picture taken on their 40th wedding anniversary. An auction sale held recently netted more than $500.00 to be used toward adding a room to the church building to be used as a pastor's study.

At Muscotah

The Rev. Richard T. Wentling received 13 new members on Dec. 9th. The parsonage is being completely remodeled for use of the new minister and family.



Clarence Kilde To Wichita Fairmount

Rev. Clarence Kilde, minister of the Congregational Church at Oconomowoc, Wisconsin the past four years, has been called to the pastorate at Wichita Fairmount. He will begin work February 24.

Mr. Kilde is fifty one years of age, a graduate of Union Seminary, with post graduate work at Harvard Divinity School. He has served pastorates in Congregational Churches in Massachusetts, Minnesota and Wisconsin. He served three years as an Army Chaplain in World War II.

Mr. Kilde has won distinction as a camp leader, educator and writer, as well as in church administration. For five years he has been writing Church School lesson materials for our Division of Christian Education in Boston . He has been a special lecturer in Pilgrim Series Workshops and on the campuses of Berea, Carlton and Beloit colleges. During his pastorate at Oconomowoc, 140 new members were added and a new $66,000.00 Educational Building erected. The budget of the church increased from $10,000.00 to $15,000.00.

Mrs. Kilde has been a great help in church school work. The two daughters, Nancy and Constance are in Minnesota and Wisconsin Universities. We welcome the Kilde family to Kansas.

Dr. Edward Day To Hutchinson

Dr. Edward W. Day, minister at Clear Lake, Iowa since 1945 has been called to Hutchinson First Congregational Church to begin leadership there, February first.

Dr. Day is a graduate of Iowa Wesleyan College and attended Boston School of Theology two years. Before 1929 he served Methodist pastorates in Iowa and Wisconsin. Since 1929 he has served Congregational churches in Chicago, Ill., Dodge Center, Minn., Geneva and Scotts Bluff, Neb., Ottumwa and Clear Lake, Iowa.

During his pastorate at Clear Lake the membership increased from 225 to 542 and the budget from $3500 to more than $10,000. The benevolent giving of the church likewise increased from $100.00 to $1200.00. While in Clear Lake, Dr. Day was a leader in Kiwanis and other civic activities.

In addition to being interested in church school and womens work in the church, Mrs. Day is a capable public speaker and interested in the arts. The Day's have three grown daughters. We welcome the Day's to Kansas and trust that they will have a fruitful pastorate in Hutchinson.

Anniversary

On the afternoon of December 30, a reception was held at the Dover Federated Church honoring Dr. Elmer Kirkpatrick who has served fifty years as a minister.

Kansas Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Gordon Lancaster, President

"HEARTWARMERS"

It's heartwarming to wish you a blessed New Year and to realize that it has been my good fortune to meet and know many of you who will be reading these words. May the ties that bind us be strengthened during 1957 and thru all the years to come.

During the past two months it has been heartwarming . . .

. . . to receive a letter from Ann Heide of Wichita, one of the 28 young people who met at the State Parsonage in November because they are interested in Church vocations. The State Women's Fellowship helped pay expenses for this Vocations' Conference and we considered it a privilege to do so;

. . . to visit the Great Bend Fellowship for the second time and to learn that they have a Thrift Shop which is a going concern. Great Bend has many consecrated women and they have a prayer group—I'm not sure which is the cause and which the result, but I know that when you combine them, wonderful things happen;

. . . to meet with the Newton Fellowship in the charming home of Mrs. Roy West. The ladies in charge served a beautiful tea and I thoroughly enjoyed meeting all those present and visiting with them;

. . . to go to Wakefield and visit again with many friends. This meeting was held at Mrs. Leathermans home and although it was a stormy day, there was a good representation. After the meeting, Fern Normandin and I went to visit her sister Frances in her school room. School was out, but the room spoke of the many hours Frances gives to it and the children she teaches;

. . . to go to Muscotah and enjoy the first Christmas meeting of the season. The meeting was fine and very homelike as we all gathered around the fire. We had a very fine covered-dish luncheon and it was a pleasure to see Mrs. Charles Armstrong conduct the meeting and to be present as she was elected for a second term as President. I'm sure Muscotah Fellowship will be heard from;

. . . To go to Chicago the early part of December to help plan the Midwest Regional meeting for 1957. It will be in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, October 15, 16, 17, 1957 and since this is in our part of the Midwest Region, why not mark these dates on your calendar and plan to attend? According to the plans, this should be a very inspirational meeting. The overall theme will be the work of the American Board;

. . . to visit in the office at 19 So. LaSalle Street while I was in Chicago. Now when I write letters to Lillian Gregory or Ione Catton, or any of the other good folk who work there, I can picture them reading their mail;

. . . to experience Christmas once again —to hear the beautiful carols and to worship Christmas Sunday with those in my own church who grow dearer as the years go by.

Vera Lancaster

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Maize Women

Mrs. Walter Ives, President of Southern Association was a guest recently of the Women's Fellowship at Maize. The group sponsored a Father and Son banquet attended by 77.

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Fellowship Memorial Fund Roll of Honor.

Mrs. Charles Arnold
By Sabetha Women's Fellowship
Mrs. Emma Cameron
Mrs. Blanche Holmes
By Smith Center Women's Fellowship
Mrs. E. C. Brown
Mrs. Ellen Ranney
Mrs. Alice Campbell Wrigley
By Women's Fellowship Wichita Plymouth
Mrs. W. C. Kampschroeder
Mrs. Nellie Myer
Topeka Central Women's Fellowship
Mrs. Frank Smith
By Garden City Women's Fellowship
Mrs. Ella Shoemaker
By Severy Mite Society

The Memorial Fund

The Vision:

Back in the thirties the slogan of our Women's Fellowship was, "As we know, we care; as we care, we share." This proved not only a slogan but for many, an actual experience. As groups of women met together to enjoy the privilege of knowing and caring, the hope was often expressed that in time every one of our Kansas women could share this precious fellowship.

These are the words of Mrs. John H. Jones who has served so lovingly and faithfully thru the years in Kansas. She also paints a word picture of the meetinngs in various towns. While husbands met in planning sessions, the women gathered on porches or lawns, planning, hoping and praying for a closer fellowship of Kansas Women.

This longing, she tells us grew to a vision when, in January of 1935 a small gift was given by the Rev. and Mrs. H. F. Markam in memory of Pearl E. Gonzales. The State Board recognized this as a grain of mustard seed which might grow into a Memorial Fund. Eventually, income could be produced which would provide a travel fund for State and Association officers and other fellowship experiences. As this fund has grown—vision has grown. Now we hope for sufficient income to make our Women's Fellowship in Kansas self-supporting.

The Reality-1956:

The Memorial Fund has grown to over $5,000.00 with income this year of about $250.00. The names of our loved ones who have passed away since 1935 are lovingly inscribed in our honor roll book—1500 of them; women whose loving dreams are now being fulfilled.

At our First Annual Retreat at McPherson, Miss Lucille Owene, of Emporia, asked about placing on the Honor Roll the names of her mother and aunt who were faithful workers in the Emporia Church. Out of her request grew another vision: A Rosemary Book—in which will be placed the names of the dear friends and relatives who served long years ago in our Kansas churches. In many churches, third, fourth and even fifth generations of our founding families now serve. Gifts sent with these names will go into the same invested fund as The Honor Roll gifts. Names for the Rosemary Book may be sent to me.

Mrs. C. E. Leonard (Muriel)
Memorial Fund Chairman,
125 So. School, Eureka, Kansas

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Dick Williams, President **Sibyl Riekenberg, Secretary**

Work-Day For Christ Receipts

Almena	$ 50.00
Centralia	20.00
Emporia First	125.00
Ford	10.00
Garden City	18.50
Gaylord	30.00
Gorham	8.40
Great Bend	67.75
Haven	41.00
K.C. Rosedale	62.80
K.C. Ruby	24.86
K.C. Welborn	93.15
Kiowa	13.10
Lawrence Plymouth	109.34
Lenora	75.05
Lincoln	29.00
Maize	35.00
Manhattan	33.95
Muscotah	16.50
Osborne	60.00
Russell	40.00
Sabetha	20.25
Stockton	20.25
Topeka Central	67.82
Topeka First	65.50
Topeka Seabrook	20.00
Wakefield	49.55
Whitewater	72.00
Wichita Fairmount	25.00
TOTAL	$1,303.77

Lost At Emporia Rally

Two boys jackets were lost at Emporia and have not been located there. In case any one took them home by mistake, please notify Uncle Steve Williams, 615 W. 15th, Emporia.

Wedding Bells

Married on December 27 at Van Nuys, California, Mr. David McMullen and Miss Sharon Abel.

Northeast P. F. Rally

Arranged by Mrs. R. E. Capsey, sponsor and the Centralia Senior P. F. a very successful P.F. Rally was held in the Centralia Congregational Church on Sunday, Nov. 18. Delegations came from Sabetha, Onaga and Seneca and from E and R Churches of Marysville and Fairview. These groups told of the work they do, while the P.F.'er brought reports of the State Wide Rally at Emporia. A chili and chicken soup supper was served to all those present. Featured was a discussion on "Juke Box Religion" and a special film in the evening by the Sabetha P. F. The Centralia P.F. dramatized "The Lord's Prayer."

Rosedale Pilgrims

The Junior Hi P.F., under the leadership of Mrs. Alice Bosley, sponsor, netted $63.00 on their Work Day for Christ. The Junior Dept. of the Sunday School collected $90.00 for Share Our Surplus thru their "Tricks or Pennies" campaign.

Lawrence Pilgrims

The Sr. Hi group sponsored the annual Children's Party for under-privileged children. Gifts of toys, dolls and books were given. The Jr. Hi group sent a $25.00 scholarship for a child in the Training School at Truk in the Caroline Islands.

Sabetha Pilgrims

The Jr. Hi P.F. sponsored by Mrs. Charles Aeschliman has an active Missionary Education Committee that has been presenting the Children's Letters of the month. Also a Stewardship and Spiritual Life Committee.

Pilgrim Fellowship Workcamp

Kansas Congregational Pilgrims of high school age are in for a new kind of camping this summer. On Sunday June 16, our P.F. Workcamp will begin at Good Hope, a rural church in Western Kansas with registration limited to twenty campers. Registration blanks will be sent to all church pastors early in 1957. There will be a limit of two from any one church. The cost will be about $1.50 per day plus transportation.

In this P. F. Workcamp which will run for two weeks, every member will participate in the forenoon work schedule which will consist of reconditioning, repairing, and beautifying the church at Good Hope. All the work, including the cooking and housekeeping will be shared by the group. Afternoons and evenings will be spent in study periods, workshops, freetime, recreation and community activities.

The Director will be the Rev. Louis G. Poppe of our Whitewater church. He will be assisted by Uncle Dave Cutting of Lenora who spent the summer of 1955 in a workcamp in England.

The Committee members in addition to Uncle Louie are Rev. Paul Davis, Garden City; Dave Felton, Great Bend; Judy Steinle, Russell; and John Matson, McPherson.

YOUTH WEEK
January 27 - February 3
1957

THEME
"Consider Your Call"

Plan with your minister for a Sunday Morning Service with youth participation.

Youth Packets—75c
Available at the Conference Office

Project of the Month - February

Ryder Memorial Hospital, Humacao, Puerto Rico, needs right now more than $75,000 to complete its building program of a new clinic, a laundry and a kitchen. Part of this amount will, of course, be raised in Puerto Rico among the people whom the hospital serves. But we in America must also lend our help.

An excellent new filmstrip on Puerto Rico is now available from the conference office. This has been prepared for adults but can be adapted for use with children. Send contributions for Ryder to the conference office clearly marked "February Project of the Month, Ryder Memorial Hospital."

"Tomorrow" Coming Again

The second issue of the revived religious education newsletter, Tomorrow, will be ready for mailing early in February, according to Mrs. Carl E. Georgeson, Editor.

If you have names to add to our mailing list, please send them to the Conference office.

Students Plan State Organizaion

As a result of the December 8 and 9 United Student Fellowship Rally at Wichita Plymouth, plans are underway for the forming of a permanent state organization of the U.S.F. at the spring rally which will be held in Lawrence.

A constitution committee, formed by two representatives from each campus, will meet at Topeka, January 26 and 27 under the leadership of Rev. James Ewing of Lawrence.

Although icy roads prevented delegates from Washburn and Kansas University from attending, the rally at Wichita made up in quality what it lacked in quantity.

A Message From Alice Huggins

First of all I appreciate this opportunity to thank the twenty one churches I visited in November for the good time they gave me, and to report briefly a few general impressions. It was heartening to find so much good fellowship: pastors who obviously like their people, people who really love their pastors and each other. For many of us, church life is very harmonious and satisfying. Each church has a core of intensely loyal members, and a fringe of selfish ones. The differences between our churches consist largely in the degree to which the leaven of the Spirit has succeeded in leavening each lump.

Five of the churches were changing pastors, and there seem to be hardly enough good ones to go around. Having just been at Yankton in October, where the problem is lack of students and support, I naturally wonder why Kansas is indifferent to a Congregational school only the width of Nebraska from us. I should like to suggest our relations with Yankton as a subject for discussion and appropriate action.

My own main interest is Our Christian World Mission. On this our churches show wide divergence. Now that we have a national goal of six times our membership, it ought not be possible for a church to set its goal at a dollar or two a member, and then announce complacently, "We've reached our goal." Every individual in every church can easily check his own church's achievement by comparing its benevolence giving with six times its membership. How about all of us trying to reach that goal in 1957? We can if we want to. Several churches have already gone far beyond it.

Probably the best technique is to appoint a Missionary Education Committee to help every member learn why our benevolence money is needed, where it goes, what it does, and why giving it is an important Christian responsibility. We might well organize reading campaigns. This problem of informing our people is the most urgent in this field.

Everywhere the women who were at Retreat are working hard. Thirty-seven churches sent no one last year. I hope every church will choose right now at least one young women, prepare to pay her way, baby sit for her—anything to get her there for three days of information and inspiration. There should be a similar opportunity for church men. One reason more money is needed for Our Christian World Mission is that our Conference could profitably hold more retreats and workshops, but can do so only to the degree that they have resources.

I dream of what we could do in our churches in Kansas. There is not one but has before it an open door—at least one door that is open wide, and others that could be found by a little search. Can't we all make a resolution to go forward along these pathes so plain before us which we know can lead us into fuller lives and richer service??

Rural Fellowship Meees

February 12-14 the Executive Committee of the Congregational-Christian Rural Fellowship and rural leaders from the E and R Church will meet in Merom, Indiana, with Dr. Wesley Hotchkiss of the N.F. office. The purpose of the meeting is to plan objectives of the United Town and Country Department. The Rev. Louis G. Poppe, President of our C and C Rural Fellowship will preside at the sessions.

Good News For Family Campers

Twenty Kansas families plus four or five leadership families will be able to spend a week together at Friendship Circle, Association Camp, Estes Park, Colorado, July 14-20.

In the four years that we have had Family Camping in cooperation with neighboring states, Kansas has been limited to about 10 families. Now we can double the number and thereby strengthen the bonds of fellowship between families and churches throughout the state.

Rates are the same as last year: adults, $26.50; children 7-11, $22.50; and children 2-6, $17.50.

Write to the conference office to reserve a set of slides to show your families so they will get an idea of the thrill of Family Camp.

Attention - Teachers And Church School Superintendents!

Your church school pupils deserve the best you can give. Only a growing teacher is qualified to teach a growing child!

Therefore you cannot afford to miss the State-Wide Leadership Workshop to be held in Manhattan, August 26-30.

The Division of Christian Education is cooperating with the State Committee of Christian Education in making the Workshop possible. Three national leaders will be present.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

For Your Church Library

Smaller churches—you're better off than you think if you'll only use what you have to good advantage! So writes Virgil E. Foster in his compact book, **"How a Small Church Can Have Good Christian Education."** In saying this he is genuinely sympathetic both to the advantages and the problems of the smaller church school. He offers provocative and helpful suggestions of ways to work with those advantages and deal with those problems.

Worship, creative learning, young people, space, the library, leadership, visual aids, the week-day use of facilities—these are among the areas Foster discusses. He makes the point that many churches may have as their real problem not simply the need for bigger and better facilities and programs, but rather the need for good use of those they have. He sets us to thinking of effective Christian education not in terms of what we would like to have some day, but in terms of taking advantage of the advantages we already possess.

Are you at the point where even normal young people baffle you? In his book, **"On Call for Youth,"** Rudolph Wittenberg offers fruitful insights into present-day behavior especially of the "more normal" adolescent and of the ways he expresses himself. Wittenberg writes for leaders and parents to help them to be sensitive to the needs and concerns of youth and to the ways of inseraction between generations.

—Rev. Robert Tully

A Gift To My Son - 30 minute movie on Our Christian World Mission, is now available free at the Conference Office.

The Growing Household of God - color filmstrip with script, correlates with the Pilgrim Series courses this quarter. Be sure to use it!

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KANSAS CHURCH BUILDING LOAN FUND CAMPAIGN
TO DECEMBER 20, 1956

Church	Declaration	Paid
Almena	$ 500.00	$ 587.00
Anthony	.....	425.00
Ash Rock	.....	.....
Athol	175.00	195.00
Bazine	250.00	85.00
Carbondale	100.00	120.00
Centralia	.....	.....
Council Grove	.....	.....
Dover	.....	.....
Downs	.....	.....
Ellis	800.00	800.00
Emporia, First	1,700.00	1,410.00
Emporia, Sardis	400.00	400.00
Eureka	900.00	935.00
Ford	920.00	920.00
Garden City	.....	1,015.40
Garfield	200.00	240.00
Gaylord	.....	30.00
Gorham	.....	100.00
Great Bend	2,000.00	2,500.00
Haven	400.00	400.00
Hutchinson	.....	.....
Independence	450.00	450.00
K.C. 1st Pilgrim	1,450.00	1,450.00
K.C. Rosedale	900.00	900.00
K.C. Ruby Ave.	1,000.00	1,000.00
K.C. Welborn	1,500.00	1,700.00
Kinsley	1,000.00	1,175.00
Kiowa	.....	300.00
Kirwin	.....	.....
Lawrence	3,300.00	4,111.22
Leavenworth	.....	220.00
Lenora	814.50	856.00
Leona	.....	50.00
Lincoln	100.00	100.00
Little River	500.00	525.00
McPherson	2,000.00	2,295.00
Maize	400.00	440.00
Manhattan	2,000.00	2,200.00
Maple Hill	.....	85.00
Milford	250.00	250.00
Mound City	.....	20.00
Mt. Hope	.....	116.25
Muscotah	300.00	300.00
Newton	1,200.00	1,200.00
Olive Hill	.....	.....
Onaga	500.00	500.00
Osborne	1,344.00	1,589.00
Ottawa	400.00	400.00
Partridge	800.00	800.00
Pleasant Hill	.....	.....
Pleasant Home	500.00	500.00
Plevna	.....	86.00
Prairie Village	1,800.00	300.00
Russell	1,200.00	1,506.00
Sabetha	2,000.00	2,075.00
Sedgwick	200.00	200.00
Seneca	500.00	545.77
Smith Center	600.00	550.00
Stanley	500.00	500.00
Stockton	.....	.....
Tonganoxie	.....	90.34
Topeka, Central	6,000.00	6,000.00
Topeka, First	3,000.00	3,900.00
Topeka, Seabrook	1,400.00	25.00
Topeka, Seaman	1,200.00	1,600.00
Towanda	500.00	500.00
Udall	.....	25.00
Wakefield	325.00	356.25
Wheaton	200.00	200.00
Whitewater	1,250.00	568.78
Wichita, Fairmount	2,000.00	1,800.00
Wichita, Pilgrim	1,200.00	1,305.71
Wichita, Plymouth	7,500.00	7,000.00
Undesignated	.....	7,570.15
Total	$60,428.50	$70,398.87

The Kansas Deeclaration is $75,000.00, leaving almost $5,000.00 yet unpaid. If all churches with a balance due and all churches who have as yet done nothing, would do their share, this important project could be marked, "Mission Accomplished."